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1. Troops of the 4, 5, and 6 Divisions of the 2 Army, 1 Army Group, commanded by WANG Chen, were stationed in the Aksu (80-14, 41-15) -Kashgar (75-58, 39-29) - Szechuan (77-16, 38-24) -hotan (79-95, 37-07) -Keriya (81-42, 36-52) area in October 1951, guarding the mountain roads leading to India and Pakistan and watching western Tibet. Troops in Keriya and Lotak'o (羅 ? 兔), which is 15,000 feet above sea level and 4.2 kilometers from the Soviet (sic) border, are threatening India.¹
2. After the Chinese Communists entered Tibet, Soviet engineer units and technicians went to Lotak'o, where they are building an airfield.
3. Troops of the 1 Army were stationed at Urumchi (87-35, 43-48) and Kucha (82-54, 41-43). Parts of the 1 Army and the 6 Army were stationed at Tunhuang (94-47, 40-08), Anhsia (95-57, 40-32), Yumen (97-13, 40-15) and Hsinghsinghsia (95-09, 41-48). The main task of the 1 Army was to watch and combat the Nationalist troops under HUANG Tsu-hsun (黃祖勳) and other Nationalist guerrillas.

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Comment. Inasmuch as paragraph 2 places Lotak'o in Tibet, it may be that Lotak'o (Rudok, 79-40, 38-27) is meant. The reference to the Soviet border is incompatible with any location in Tibet. The airfield

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